IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LAKELAND BANK, : No. 4:22-CV-1076-WIA

Plaintiff : Hon. William I. Arbuckle, III

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SUN-RE CHEESE CORP., : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendant. : (Electronically Filed)

DEFENDANT'S ANSWER WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR REPLEVIN

COMES NOW Defendant Sun-Re Cheese Corp., by and through its counsel, Timothy A. Bowers, JD and makes the following Answer with New Matter:

<u>ANSWER</u>

- 1. Admitted.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. Admitted.
- 4. Paragraph 4 contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that paragraph 4 contains allegations of fact, those allegations are denied.
- 5. Paragraph 5 contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required. It is denied that Sun-Re took any action to induce Lakeland to make a loan. Rather, Lakeland asserted its conditions for grant of a loan.
- 6. Paragraph 6 contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that paragraph 6 contains allegations of fact, they are denied. After reasonable investigation, Sun-Re is without sufficient information to form an opinion or belief as

to the veracity of the allegation that Sun-Re has defaulted on its obligations as Lakeland has nowhere in its complaint specified the nature of the alleged default.

- 7. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sun-Re is without sufficient information to form an opinion or belief as to the veracity of the allegation that Sun-Re has defaulted on its obligations as Lakeland has nowhere in its complaint specified the nature of the alleged default. It is further denied that Sun-Re has an obligation to turn over equipment to Lakeland.
 - 8. No responsive pleading is required.
- 9. Paragraph 9 contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent paragraph 9 contains allegations of fact, they are denied.
- 10. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sun-Re is without sufficient information to form an opinion or belief as to the veracity of the allegation that Sun-Re has defaulted on its obligations as Lakeland has nowhere in its complaint specified the nature of the alleged default.
- 11. Paragraph 11 contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required.
- 12. Paragraph 12, contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required. To the extent that paragraph 6 contains allegations of fact, they are denied. After reasonable investigation, Sun-Re is without sufficient information to form an opinion or belief as to the veracity of the allegation that Sun-Re has defaulted on its obligations as Lakeland has nowhere in its complaint specified the nature of the alleged default.
- 13. Paragraph 13 contains allegations of law to which no responsive pleading is required.
 - 14. It is denied that Sun-Re has an obligation to turn over equipment to Lakeland.

- 15. Paragraph 15 contains a prayer for relief to which no responsive pleading is required.
- 16. Admitted in part, denied in part. After reasonable investigation, Sun-Re is without sufficient information to form an opinion or belief as to what information Lakeland has or believes. Those averments are denied. It is admitted that Sun-Re is in poseidon's of the equipment listed in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.
- 17. Paragraph 17 contains a prayer for relief to which no responsive pleading is required.

NEW MATTER

- 18. Paragraphs 1 through 17 of this Answer with Affirmative Defenses are hereby restated and reincorporated by reference as though fully set forth.
 - 19. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of accord and satisfaction.
 - 20. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of estoppel.
 - 21. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of failure of consideration.
 - 22. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of failure of consideration.
 - 23. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of fraud.
 - 24. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of illegality.
 - 25. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of laches.
 - 26. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of payment.
 - 27. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of release.
 - 28. Lakeland's claims are barred by the statute of frauds.
 - 29. Lakeland's claims are barred by the statute of limitations.

30. Lakeland's claims are barred by the doctrine of waiver.

Date: November 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this 10th day of November 2022 served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via electronic mail as follows:

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